IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI DEVINDER GUPTA,THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.NARAYANA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 2878 of 2002

Between:

Paper clipping of Deccan Chronicle English Daily News paper Dt.12/02/2002, containing the article Under the caption "FEAR OF CASTE REPRISALS STALKS PUDUR DALITS".

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Station House Officer,
Gadwal P.S., Mahabubnagar District
2 The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Gadwal PS, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar District
3 The Circle Inspector of Police
Gadwal PS, Gadwal
Mahabubnagar District
4 The Superintendent of Police
Mahabubnagar Distrct at Mahabubnagar
5 The Director General of Police Govt. of A.P.,
Hyderabad .
6 The Secretary to the Govt. of A.P
Home (Police) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad
7 The Mandal Revenue Officer,
Gadwal, Mahabubnagar District.
8 The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Gadwal, Mahabubnagar District.
9 The Collector & District Magistrate
Mahabubnagar District.

.....RESPONDENT(S)

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to For the reasons stated in the paper clipping shown as the petitioner herein, this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue an order, direction, or a writ, more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus calling for records and remarks from the respondents herein, in and connected to:- "The enforcement of social boycott of Dalits by the Boya landlords in Pudur village, Gadwal Mandal, Mahabubnagar District which came into effect from January,10, 2002 and to pass appropriate orders directing the respondents herein to take action (Under SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989) against the concerned, who instigated enforcement of social boycott of dalits and to provide protection to the dalits in the interest of justice" and pass such other order

Counsel for the Petitioner: NEWS ITEM

Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 9.: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following Oral Order :

A paper clipping dated 12.2.2002, led to the registration of this petition. It was reported that enforcement of Social Boycott of Dalits by Boya landlords of Pudur village of Gadwal Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, came into effect on 10.2.2002 and that no action has been taken by the authorities.

Rule Nisi was issued on 14.2.2002 and 4th respondent was directed to submit report within eight weeks.

The report dated 13.3.2002 of Superintendent of Police, Mahabubnagar narrates the steps which had been taken prior to publication of news item on 12.2.2002. We are satisfied from the report that prompt action was taken by the authorities concerned by registration of case and by arresting all the accused, who were sent to judicial remand.

Syed Yusuf, Revenue Divisional Officer has also filed his own affidavit in support of the reply of Respondents 7 and 9 placing on record the reason which led to the boycott and the steps which the authorities took as remedial measures. There is also no manner of doubt that the authorities have taken prompt action and the provisions of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act,1989 were enforced by registration of case against the accused.

In that view of the matter, no further directions deserves to be issued in this petition.

The writ petition stands closed. No costs.

_____ DEVINDER GUPTA, CJ

Date: 6th December, 2004

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M. NARAYANA REDDY, J

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